Now, Sir, I would like to briefly give a background of the various issues raised. The first issue raised was why this Bill was not brought to Praliament earlier than it has. Now, the Resolution 1540 of the Security Council was passed on 18th April, 2004. Now, we submit ..(*Interruptions*)... This Resolution is mandatory on all member States because it comes under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter which makes it obligatory for all States to take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic control, prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, including by establishing appropriate control over related materials and to this end shall -- then a list is given here. Now, every member State has to give a report. So, our report was sent in October, 2004 to the Security Council. The next report will be sent to the Security Council very soon because this is obligatory under Chapter VII. The Resolution further says, 'to adopt national rules and regulations where it has not yet been done to ensure compliance with their commitments under the key multilateral non-proliferation treaties. Further, to counter that threat, it calls upon all States, in accordance with their national legal authorities and legislation consistent with international law, to take cooperative action to prevent illicit trafficking in nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery and related maters. Sir, here I want to mention that we had to consult a very large number of Departments. There was an inter-Ministerial Task Force chaired by the officials of the External Affairs Ministry on the implementation of this Resolution. This Task Force included the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Department of Atomic Energy, the Department of Space, the Defence Research and Development Organisation, (DRDO), the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, the Department of Biotechnology, the Diretor-General of Foreign Trade, (DGFT), the Department of Revenue, and the Ministry of Law and Justice, apart from the Ministry of External Affairs. Now, Sir, there was an important point made by Dr. Kasturirangan. Who is a great scientist, particularly on the issue of the Missile Technology Control Regime. This Bill does not constrain us in anyway in pursuing our missile or space programmes. It is essentially to prevent the leakage of sensitive technologies to other countries of to non-State actors. As hon. Members would be aware, we have always rejected restrictive regimes which seek to limit our autonomy in developing our nuclear missile or Space programmes. Or position in this regard remains unchanged.

Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hundred and Twenty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests (Department of Space)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Sir, I am making this Statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 129th Report of the parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests, on Demands for Grants 2004-05 of Department of Space, in pursuance of directions of hon. Chairman, Rajya Sabha, issued under the provisions of Rule 266 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha *vide* Rajya Sabha Bulletin, Part-II, No. 41654, dated September 20, 2004.

Sir, I lay the statement on the Table of the House.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, can I make a request to you that all these Reports be consolidated and circulated to all the Members, because we have got some, we have not got others. So, one document which lists out all the recommendations...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will see to it.

Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hundred and Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests (Ministry of Environment and Forests)

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, on behalf of Shri Namo Narain Meena, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a Statement mentioned against his name regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hundred and Thirty-first Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests (Ministry of Environment and Forests).